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PROHIBITION IN TERRITORIES.

The liquor and gambling problems, as applied to Territories, were brought into Senate discussion last month during the consideration of an act to provide a criminal code for Alaska. A section to prevent gambling where liquor is sold was passed and then the matter of allowing sale of liquor at all came up. In response to suggestions from Senator Gallinger, Perkins of California made the following remarks, in which there is special significance here to those who remember Hawaii's opium-prohibition days:

For the information of my friend from New Hampshire, I will say that some eight years since, I think, we took issue upon this proposition. I am in sympathy with the temperance cause, having been born in the State of Maine, which is a prohibitory State so far as the sale of liquor in public is concerned, although there is no trouble getting it quietly anywhere.

I wish to repeat today—that I have done more for the cause of temperance in becoming the author of the Alaska high license bill and using my influence to have it become a law than all the temperance societies in the State of New Hampshire and my own native State of Maine, for the reason that when the district of Alaska was a prohibition Territory and a premium was put upon the smuggling of liquor into the Territory, I was operating steamers at the time, and every coal passer, every steward, every waiter, and every sailor on the ship was more or less of a smuggler. I remember one instance where in the compartment of one of our ships there were twenty-five barrels of sugar. It was melted by the water in the tank or in the compartment of the ship, and when the sugar was gone there were found sixteen kegs of whisky remaining in the barrels. So, Mr. President, the law put a premium upon the smuggling of liquor into the district of Alaska; and as a result of that fact it was anything but a prohibition Territory. In the town of Juneau, Mr. Hamlin, who was then Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, informed me that there were twenty-eight saloons when he visited that town. After the law—for which my friend from New Hampshire, I am sorry to say, did not vote—was enacted, instead of twenty-eight saloons in Juneau the number was reduced to seven, I think; and each saloon keeper became an officer of the law, as it were, to see that others did not enjoy a privilege that he was obliged to pay for.

The fund derived from the high liquor license in Alaska went into the school fund, and it has enabled us to educate the young lady Esquimaux and the Indians of that Territory. The law has been productive of more good than I can express in the short time that is allotted for the consideration of this bill.

I want to repeat to my friend from New Hampshire, who later will be from Alaska, that we have done more for the cause of temperance in the enactment of this measure than any legislative act that I can call to mind.

IS BRYAN'S POWER WANING?

Delaware's choice of Judge Gray for President and New York's reluctance to instruct for Bryan are significant signs of the times. Another one is the action of the National City Democratic club, which invited Bryan to its Jefferson day dinner and intentionally left him off the list of speakers. Bryan, however, declined to be thus snubbed. He declared he would speak and announced his subject, and when it was intimated that he wasn't wanted to speak, a movement was set on foot to have him hire a hall and have a counter Jefferson-day celebration of his own. Bryan remarked some time ago in a carefully prepared statement that he wouldn't be a candidate unless his party wanted him, but he is not losing any chance to make it want him.

A LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE.

An evening paper, which rebuked the Advertiser for concurring with the view of the Sheriff that more police should be recruited during the visit of the fleet to keep the peace between the sailors and those who will be here to rob them, now proposes to turn out a posse comitatus. It says: "It would be well for our general fleet committee to consider the formation of a special body of trustworthy citizens, somewhat on the plan of the Citizens' Guard of the revolutionary period, to do police and detective duty in plain clothes during the visit of the fleet." As the people who composed the Citizens' Guard are not the sort to go about looking for crooks, and would not be likely to accept such a task, would it not be wiser to strengthen the organization to which the law delegates that kind of work?—Advertiser.

What the Star differed with the Advertiser about was a proposition of the sheriff to increase the police force for the purpose of preventing disorder on the part of naval sailors ashore. That service, The Star takes it, devolves as much on the naval authorities as on the police. One main reason for objecting to an increase of police is the fact that the county does not provide sufficient police for ordinary purposes on account of lack of funds. If extra expenditure were incurred for the occasion of the fleet's visit, the almost inevitable result would be that the Board of Supervisors would stint the police still further for a year to come at least. This would be a lamentable condition.

In its remark about the Citizens' Guard the Advertiser is merely ridiculous. Every one of "the people who composed the Citizens' Guard" accepted a commission designating him as a "special police constable." Some of them did valuable police service after the time had passed when occasions existed for calling the guard out as a body. "The people who composed the Citizens' Guard" were chiefly the male residents supporting the government of the day who were not in the militia. Few of them were too fastidious or chicken hearted to use the power of their commission in behalf of public order in a crowd, or to suppress a hoodlum gang in an unpoliced suburb, when the occasion demanded.

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NEWS SNIPS

Marysville, Cal., has adopted the eight-hour working day.

The first Hindu temple in the western world was lately dedicated in San Francisco.

Edward H. Spalding, a Buffalo banker, was seriously injured at Santa Barbara, Cal., by being thrown out of his buggy.

The Farmers' Union at Tacoma has declared war on the storage combine. It will build storage stations at convenient points.

"He is always ready for sea duty, but he is afraid of social festivities," is what the wife of Admiral Robley D. Evans said in Chicago.

John Burr, a young negro, was lynched near Wesson, Miss., April 5, by about 30 men for the murder of a twelve-year-old white boy.

J. A. Hossack, a banker of Odell, Ill., jumped from the eighth floor of the Auditorium Annex in Chicago on April 5 and was instantly killed. Insanity is supposed.

Doctors at Vallejo, Cal., are agitated over the employment of Dr. C. E. Turner at \$50 a day to look after smallpox patients. Several other physicians have offered their services for less money.

Charles S. Child, who has been a delegate from Massachusetts to every Republican National Convention since 1896, said in San Francisco that the general sentiment in his state was for Hughes.

George N. Hayden, a former telegraph operator of Spokane, shot and seriously wounded his wife at Butte, Mont., April 5, and then took poison. There was a chance of his living, a dispatch said.

Rev. Dr. Edward Abbott, pastor emeritus of St. James Church, Cambridge, a prominent preacher, journalist and author and a brother of Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, died at the homeopathic hospital in Boston on April 5.

J. Watson, formerly secretary of the Bishop, Mayo county, Union No. 182, Western Federation of Miners, who is alleged to have embezzled \$300 of the union's funds last September during a strike, was arrested at Sacramento on April 5.

Supporters of George Gray of Delaware for Democratic nomination for President completed arrangements for establishing headquarters in Washington and on April 6 actively entered upon a campaign in behalf of the Delaware statesman.

The United Wireless received a message the evening of April 5 from the steamer Enterprise, bound from San Francisco to Hilo. She reported that she was 235 miles southwest of San Francisco and was experiencing strong northwest winds.

After a relentless chase of two years the arrest was made in San Francisco of Arthur F. Guyer, formerly assistant manager of the Mercantile Finance Co. of New York, who is charged with having failed to account for the proceeds of a check for \$7,000 which he cashed in 1906.

Charged with grand larceny, Edwin Cramer, teller in the Bank of Los Angeles, is a fugitive from justice and \$1000 of his employers' funds are missing. He had played the races at St. Anita track. Cramer was formerly connected with the Equitable Insurance Company at San Francisco.

Supervisor Murdoch of San Francisco has introduced a bill to place all grocery stores selling liquor under a \$200 license, to provide for the sale only in sealed packages of from one quart to five gallons. This is intended to reduce the trouble the police have had with blind pigs in grocery stores.

Harry Pollard, formerly leading man in the Mission theater, was found in

for the visit of the fleet should be under definite orders "to go about looking for crooks," but merely that citizens so empowered might, while mingling with the sightseeing throngs, arrest any light-fingered operator he saw, or any rowdy making a disturbance, where no policeman was within sight or call. They might furthermore do most valuable service on occasions where the police were in danger of being overpowered by numbers, when they could under their commission act on their own initiative. In such emergencies most peaceable men are properly slow to interfere before they are commanded by a peace officer.

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THINKS MEN LIVE INSIDE THE EARTH

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Professor Low of the Koresan Cooperative Society addressed an audience of about ten persons last night at Steiner street and Golden Gate avenue on "An Astronomical Fallacy." The faith of this particular cult is that the world is concave instead of convex and that all things are on the inside instead of on the outside, but the primary object of the meeting last night was to get men to work in a furniture factory in Bristol, Tenn.

Dr. Cyrus Teed is credited with the discovery of the theory of cellular cosmogony and of the Koresan theory of astronomy. He hails from Chicago, the native habitat of queer creeds and strange faiths, where he is reported to have run Dowle a close race. He achieved some success in that city, especially among the sisters of the flock, some of whom deserted their homes to follow the strange faith. Whereupon, the husbands took counsel of one another, bought a feather bed and a pall of coal tar and paid Dr. Teed's residence a visit, only to find that he had left that afternoon.

After having applied the Koresan theory to celestial objects Dr. Teed applied it to terrestrial pursuits and established a furniture factory at Bristol. The object of the meeting last night, besides expounding the theories of Koresan faith, was to encourage men to accept employment in the factory. It was brought out that the men would receive half their wages in money and what would become of the other half was left in some doubt, although it was to be inferred that the unpaid balance could be absorbed by the workers in the benefits of communism.

TO REPAY DEPOSITORS IN FREEDMAN'S BANK.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Depositors in the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company will receive their money amounting to about one million dollars if a bill passed by the Senate today is acted upon favorably by the House.

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his room in a lodging house, shot in the right side and the right arm. He and his wife, who was standing over him when the landlady entered the room, declared the shooting was accidental, but the police did not believe them.

Waite Clayton, a negro, who was serving time in Mobile, Ala., at the stockade of the Hand Lumber Company for manslaughter, late in the afternoon of April 4 criminally assaulted Mrs. Joseph White, aged 20 years, and was lynched by a mob of seventy-five men outside the limits of Bay Minette that night.

High tributes to Crosby Stuart Noyes late editor of the Washington Evening Star, who died recently at Pasadena, Cal., were paid at a memorial service at the National Theater, Washington, April 5, by Vice-President Fairbanks, Elihu Root, Secretary of State; Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal; Myron M. Parker, former Commissioner of the District of Columbia; and Wendell Phillips Stafford, Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

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